community, the human rights abuses being carried out by the armed terrorists at the behest of Pakistan. The above mentioned report has only corroborated our assertions. The said report is, therefore, being utilised in various international fora as a further evidence of Pakistan's involvement in aiding and abetting terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir leading to large scale human rights abuses.

स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के आश्रितों को छूट

2358. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन भोगियों के आश्रितों हेतु रोजगार में आरक्षण/छूट देने की योजना पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०एम० सईद) :

(क) से (ग) स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के आश्रितों को केन्द्रीय सरकार के अधीन रोजगार प्रदान करने के प्रस्ताव पर, केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा विचार किया गया है । यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि उन्हें रोजगार प्रदान करने का मसला राज्य सरकारों के विवेक पर छोड़ दिया जाए । तदनुसार, राज्य सरकारों को नवम्बर, 1988 में लिख दिया गया था ।

Black Mailing of Girls

2359. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent rising trends of gang-rapes of girls under threats and terror of blackmail in Delhi and elsewhere in the country ;

(b) if so, the number and details of such cases that have come to Government's notice in Delhi and other States and Union Territories during the current year 1994; and

(c) whether Government have had under consideration, any proposal to protect the women and girl victims of blackmail whose photographs are taken in promiscuous posture intoxication influence of drugs or threat to life or otherwise, and subjected to blackmail and forced into sileat rape or gang-rape and even flesh trade, if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) A Statement indicating the number of cases of gang-rapes reported in the country (State/Union Territory-wise) during the current year 1994 is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) The registration investigation, detection and prevention of crimes, including crimes against women is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. The Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure (1973) and the Indian Evidence Act (1872) have been amended to deal with such crime. Instructions/guidelines have also been issued from time to time to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to effectively enforce legislation relating to crime against women. Besides the media is being used to project women in positive terms. Awareness generation camps are being organised. Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWACRA) programme and female literacy programmes are some of the other steps being taken to improve the status of women. A special Unit for Crime Against Women was set up in Delhi in 1983 which is headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Police to look into such incidents of Crime. Apart from this, Women Cell has been set up in each District under Women Inspector with sufficient number of Women Police Officer/staff to inquire into complaints of women who are victims of various offences.

Statement

Incidence of Gang-rape during 1994 (*State & UT-wise*)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Incidence	Remarks (Figures are up to Month of)
1	2	3	4
STATES :			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37	September
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	September
3.	Assam	5	June
4.	Bihar	0	February
5.	Goa	0	September
6.	Gujarat	1	June